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Subject: Accessible Housing for People with Disability

California Building Standards Commission
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Re: Building Standards Commission Meeting – Proposed CBC Ch. 11B Code Amendments

Dear Building Standards Commission:

As a person working closely with seniors and people with disabilities, I was shocked to learn that California's building code does not meet federal standards for accessible housing development. I am even more distressed to learn that the California State Architect has removed this language from the current amendment to our building code.

California is recognized a leader in the country in providing services to people who need them, often providing better services than required by the federal government. It is particularly discouraging to hear that our building code does not even meet federal requirements. It is my understanding that the Division of the State Architect's Access Code Collaborative and the CA Building Standards Commission Access Advisory Committee have proposed access standards, which were initially included in the current amendment, but have now been removed.

As affordable and accessible housing is a major problem statewide, I urge you to be certain to address this significant gap in federal compliance to facilitate affordable, accessible housing development in our state. Please, only vote on the amended code when you have assured that it includes language to at least meet federal requirements for accessible housing development.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

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